TITUSVILLE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

NEWSLETTER

JUNE, 1998

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CLUB INFORMATION

TARC MEETINGS :	**Monthly on 4th Tuesday at 1900 hrs at Jaycee Building.**
TARC NETS:	**VIP - Thursdays at 1000 hrs on 146.910**
	FRIENDSHIP - Thursdays at 1830 hrs. ao146.910
	MOSQUITO - Wednesdays at 1900 hrs on 28.333
TARC REPEATERS:	**VHF - 146.910 and146.970. UHF 444.150**

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Bud Hughes K4CWG

Field Day preparations are shaping up beautifully. Most of the required communication equipment has been pledged. However, back up equipment is essential. If you have an hf rig that you could loan to the club for field day use, please contact me. The club needs support items including tarps, rope, tape, push up poles, towers, wire, insect repellent, flash lights, etc. Most of you have participated in field day operations and/or camping out. I would be grateful if you would please use your imagination in thinking of items not listed here that would be essential for making the 24 hour event more enjoyable.

There have been many discussions and comments about field day on the repeaters. One such comment came from Danny. He was asked if he would be out at Fox Lake for field day operations. His answer was "I would not miss it for the world". Thanks Mr. OZD. In addition to Danny, his entire clan will be operating Saturday and Sunday. Just in case you do not know this, Danny's wife Lorna, KE4WJW is a terrific cook. She was kind enough to prepare breakfast at 2 AM last year for the gang of late night operators.

The girls are getting geared up to prepare snacks and meals. Roe, KF4NKL has promised to catch the fish for a fish fry. Do you need help, Roe? We hope as many of TARC members as can will make an appearance at Fox Lake June 27. You know you are welcome. Come on out!

Roe was on the river last Saturday - his primary purpose being to catch fish for the aforementioned fish fry. As any good fisherman will do, he took a break from his fishing to see who was on 146.91. With handy talkie in the listening mode guess who was gracing the frequency. It was Bill. Yes, Bill NK4D one of our members from the North (Elmore, Ala.). Almost immediately a goodly group gathered to greet Bill .....(see page 2)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

JUN. 01 KF4BRL ERIC HEARD
JUN. 01 KD4TLS BEN McMAHAN
JUN. 02 AF4HM ROBERT COHEN
JUN. 02 KE4WJV TERRY DAMPIER
JUN. 03 W4AVP JACK SIEGEL
JUN. 04 KE4HOG NANCIE PREVATT
JUN. 06 N2CTQ LOU GENCORELLI
JUN. 06 KF4TNZ CHRIS BROWNING
JUN. 07 K4BZJ LES WIDICK
JUN. 08 000000 SHAUN SHAW, JR.
JUN. 08 KE4AEB JO JORDAN, JR.
JUN. 09 KF4YFD JOHN PHELPS
JUN. 10 K4EOS CLYDE LEE
JUN. 11 W3UK WALLY NEWELL
JUN. 11 KF4QMM SUE MALLEN
JUN. 11 W9IOS BILL KARR
JUN. 12 KA4VYH BILL YOUNG
JUN. 14 KF4CYE ERNEST CODY
JUN. 16 KR4YZ CHARLES FAGEL
JUN. 19 KF4MUV PATTY KING
JUN. 21 AE4NT ARNOLD THRASH
JUN. 25 AD4PP JERRY MOSKOVITZ
JUN. 25 W4GMW NEALE CRANSTON
JUN. 27 AF4EA WARREN MURRAY
JUN. 28 KD4TLR STEVE BIDWELL
JUN. 29 KK4SH VINCE GONZALEZ
JUN. 29 KF4FEZ GAIL CHYCOTA

PRESIDENT (from page 1)..... on the 146.91 machine. The opportunity to say hello to say hello to Bill on 146.91 as well as on 7.165 Mhz Sunday mornings 6:00 - 8:00 AM was a pleasure. After the 2 meter QSO was over, Roe went back to his assigned duty "fishing".

At the TARC meeting June 22, our guest speaker will be Ms. Kathy King. She is coordinator of Victims Services, Brevard County, State Attorney's Office. I am sure we will enjoy Kathy's presentation. Be sure to mark your calendar and be in attendance. Best wishes to all.

STORY OF HAROLD BRIDE THE SURVIVING WIRELESS OPERATOR OF THE TITANIC

By Judy Smith

I received this from a ham e-mail pen pal who was at the Rally in Christmas. Maybe you would like it for your club newsletter.

On April 14, 1912 the worst maritime disaster in history took place with the sinking of the R.M.S. titanic in the North Atlantic. Soon after in that same year a book was published entitled, "The Sinking of the Titanic and Great Sea Disasters" edited by Mr. Logan Marshall and published by L.T.Myers, Copyright 1912. Contained within the book are eyewitness accounts of survivors about that night, photographs of the ship and some of the passengers on that voyage. Also included are excerpts of testimony before the U. S. Congress by experts, one of whom was the chairman of the British Marconi Company, Guglielmo Marconi. Of possible interest to amateur radio operators is the account of Mr. Harold Bride, the surviving wireless operator of the Titanic which is contained in the book, and which is quoted here in it's entirety.

CHAPTER XVII - WIRELESS OPERATOR PRAISES HEROIC WORK

One of the most connected and detailed accounts of the horrible disaster was that told by Harold Bride, the wireless operator. Mr. Bride said: "I was standing by Phillips, the chief operator, telling him to go to bed, when the captain put has head in the cabin. 'We've struck an iceberg', the captain said, 'and I'm having an inspection made to tell what it has done to us. You better get ready to send out a call for assistance. But don't send it until I tell you.' "The captain went away and in ten minutes, I should estimate the time, he came back. We could hear a terrific confusion outside, but there was not the least thing to indicate that there was any trouble. The wireless was working perfectly. 'Send the call for assistance', ordered the captain barely putting his head in the door. 'What shall I send?' Phillips asked. 'The regulation international call for help. Just that'. "Then the captain was gone. Phillips began to send 'C.Q.D.' He flashed away at it and we joked while he did so. All of us made light of the disaster. The Carpathia answered our signal. We told her our position and said we were sinking by the head. The operator went to tell the captain, and in five minutes returned and told us that the captain of the Carpathia was putting about and heading for us.

GREAT SCRAMBLE ON DECK

"Our captain had left us at this time and Phillips told me to run and tell him what the Carpathia had answered. I did so, and I went through an awful mass of people to his cabin. The decks were full of scrambling men and women. I saw no fighting, but I heard of it. I came back and heard Phillips giving the Carpathia fuller directions. Phillips told me to put on my clothes. Until that moment I forgot that I was not dressed. I went to my cabin and dressed. I brought an overcoat to Phillips. It was very cold. I slipped the overcoat upon him while he worked. Every few minutes Phillips would send me to the captain with little messages. They were merely telling how the Carpathia was coming our way and gave her speed.'

(Contributors Note: During one of these errands, according to another account in the book, Mr. Bride returned to find an engine room stoker standing behind Phillips on the verge of stabbing him in an attempt to steal his life-belt. Bride pulled out his pistol and shot the stoker dead.)

"I noticed as I came back from one trip that they were putting off women and children in lifeboats. I noticed the list forward was increasing. Phillips told me the wireless was growing weaker. The captain came and told us our engine rooms were taking water and that the dynamos might not last much longer. We sent word to the Carpathia."

"I went out on deck and looked around. The water was pretty close up to the boat deck. There was a great scramble aft, and how poor Phillips worked through it right to the end I don't know. He was a brave man. I learned to love him that night and I suddenly felt for him a great reverence to see him standing there sticking to his work while everybody else was raging about. I shall never live to forget the work of Phillips for that last awful fifteen minutes."

"I thought it was about time to look about and see if there was anything detached that would float. I remembered that every member of the crew had a special life-belt and ought to know where it was. I remembered mine was under my bunk. I went and got it. Then I thought how cold the water was. I remembered I had an extra jacket and a pair of boots and I put them on. I saw Phillips out there still sending away, giving the Carpathia details of just how we were doing."

"We picked up the Olympic and told her we were sinking by the head and were about all down. As Phillips was sending the message I strapped his life-belt to his back. I had already put on his overcoat. Every minute was precious, so I helped him all I could."

BAND PLAYS IN RAG-TIME

"From aft came tunes of the band. It was a rag-time tune, I don't know what. Then there

was 'Autumn'. Phillips ran aft and that was the last I saw of him."

"I went to a place where I had seen a collapsible boat on the boat deck, and to my surprise I saw the boat and the men still trying to push it off. I guess there wasn't a sailor in the crowd. They couldn't do it. I went up to them and was just lending a hand when a large wave came awash of the deck. The big wave carried the boat off. I had hold of a row lock and I went off with it. The next thing I knew I was in the boat. But that was not all. I was in the boat and the boat was upside down and I was under it. And I remember realizing I was wet through, and whatever happened I must not breathe, for I was under water. I knew I had to fight for it and I did. How I got out from under the boat I do not know, but I felt a breath of air at last."

"There were men all around me - hundreds of them. The sea was dotted with them, all depending on their life-belts. I felt I simply had to get away from the ship. She was a beautiful sight then. Smoke and sparks were rushing out of her funnel, and there must have been an explosion, but we had heard none. We only saw a big stream of sparks. The ship was gradually turning on her nose - just like a duck does that goes down for a dive. I had one thing on my mind. To get away from the suction."

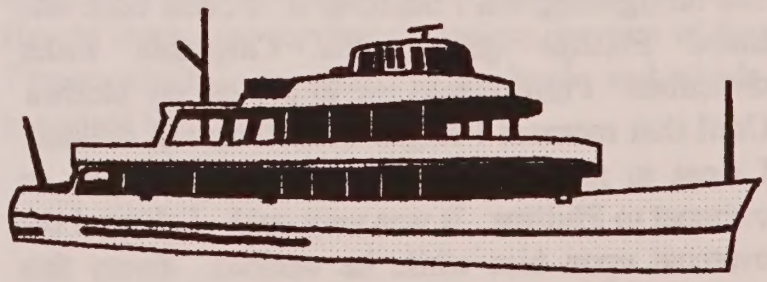
"The band was still playing, and I guess they all went down. They were playing 'Autumn' then. I swam with all my might. I suppose I was 150 feet away when the Titanic, on her nose with her after quarter sticking straight up in the air, began to settle slowly. When the last waves washed over her rudder there wasn't the least bit of suction I could feel. She must have kept going just as slowly as she had been."

"I forgot to mention that, besides the Olympic and Carpathis, we spoke to some German boat. I don't know which, and told them how we were. We also spoke to the Baltic. I remembered those things as I began to figure what ships would be coming toward us.. I felt, after a little while, like sinking. I was very cold. I saw a boat of some kind near me and put all my strength into an effort to swim to it. It was hard work. I was all done when a hand reached out from the boat and pulled me on board. It was our same collapsible. There was just enough room for me to roll on the edge. I lay there, not caring what happened. Somebody sat on my legs; they were wedged in between the slats and were being wrenched. I had not the heart to ask the man to move. It was a terrible sight all around - men swimming and sinking. I lay where I was, letting the man wrench my feet out of shape. Others came near. Nobody gave them a hand. The bottom up boat already had more men than it would hold and it was sinking. At first larger waves splashed over my head and I had to breathe when I could."

"Some splendid people saved us. They had a right-side-up boat, and it was full to its capacity. Yet they came to us and loaded us all into it. I saw some lights off in the distance and knew a steamship was coming to our aid. I didn't care what happened. I just lay and gasped when I could feel the pain in my feet. At last the Carpathia was alongside and people were being taken up a rope ladder. Our boat drew near and one by one the men were taken off of it."

"The way the band kept playing was a noble thing. I heard it first while we were working the wireless, when there was a rag-time tune for us, and the last I saw of the band, when I was floating out in the sea with my life-belt on, it was still on deck playing 'Autumn'. How they ever did it I cannot imagine."

"That and the way Phillips kept sending after the captain told him his life was his own, and to look out for himself are two things that stand out in my mind over all the rest."



RADIO RAGE
From 5/98 QST "Correspondence"

I am retired and I've recently rejoined Amateur Radio after a 30-year hiatus. When I started in the hobby I was a young physician and I was only able to enjoy ham radio for about seven years before I was forced to surrender to the pressures of emergency calls, delivering babies and so on. There weren't enough free hours in the day to keep my station on the air.

What a change 30 years can make! As I studied for my tests I was astonished at the new technologies and regulations. Computers have become as commonplace in modern ham shacks as soldering irons. The codeless Technician license and the whole Volunteer Examiner program have opened new vistas that didn't exits when I was first licensed.

In the midst of all these positive changes at least one negative development has taken place while I've been away. I call it "radio rage."

I've returned to airwaves populated with some extremely angry individuals. It isn't uncommon to hear foul language, poor manners and worse. Racism and xenophobia are rampant.

How did this come about in 30 years? Getting your ham license back then was like taking a solemn oath. We tacitly pledged ourselves to fraternal values and service to our communities. Behavior such as I witness today was virtually nonexistent in that sort of environment.

It should be apparent to anyone that we're going to have a difficult time justifying our occupation of valuable spectrum if this type of activity is allowed to continue. I know the ARRL Directors are responding to the problem as best they can, but ultimately it comes down to the old concept of "self-policing". If we do not do this ourselves, it will be done *to* us and *for* us. Trust me. If the heavy hand of the federal government is forced to intervene, you won't enjoy the consequences.
Dr. Roy Overton, MD, K0WNR, Des Moines, Iowa

MOBILE DANGERS
From 5/98 QST "Correspondence

For 11 years I had a 2-meter rig mounted on the instrument panel of my car, just above my right leg. The bottom of the radio was roughly parallel to my leg when driving, not at right angles to it.

I never thought my installation could possibly pose a danger until the day I suffered a seizure just three blocks from home. According to witnesses I became completely catatonic, driving for almost three blocks in an unresponsive state until I finally veered off the road and struck a tree. The seatbelt was there to protect me, but my body reached the radio first. My conveniently mounted rig was a perfect fulcrum for snapping my right fibula (the smaller bone in the lower leg). As a result of the accident, my leg and foot are permanently swollen, but I consider myself lucky. I can still walk and I didn't kill anyone!

The moral of my story is this: Don't install a radio in a position between you and your car. Should an accident occur, you need room for your body to accelerate forward before it is stopped by the seatbelt or air bag. Don't put a radio in that space!

I'm amazed at hams who will spend hundreds or thousands of dollars for transceivers, only to mount them in their cars with the most flimsy arrangements you've ever seen! In a crash these rigs will resist rapidly moving bodies (like mine), or they'll become deadly flying objects.

Dick Safirstein, W2DS,
Clearwater, FL

ABELL'S ANECDOTES
By Pike W4EPU

WHAT'S IN A NAME:

Clara and I just spent two weeks in a condominium on the beach at Daytona Beach Shores, the south extension of Daytona Beach. The name of the placewhere we stayed was "Fantasy Island", an appropriate name for an ocean side resort, I suppose.

But, we were simply amazed at the different 'appropriate' names people come up with for ocean front facilities - motels, condominiums, restaurants, etc.

Also, considering that there is a string of such facilities from Key West, Florida up the eastern coast of the United States to the Canadian border, we wonder how they can possibly think up enough names to go around.

Along the relatively short stretch of beaches of Dayton Beach/Daytona Beach Shores, here are just some of the names we observed:

Sea Shell Shores, Beach House, Surfside, Sand Castle. Pier Side, Royal Atlantic,The Breakers,The Dolphin, Ocean Docks, Atlantica, Ocean Quest, Light House Shores, Tide Water, Dolphin Beach.

Grand Coquina, Sea Club, Turtle Inn, Mystic Sea, Ocean Palm, Beach Side, Seascape, Sand Piper, Sand Dollar, Silver Sands, Whale Watch, Oceanic, Coral Sands, Beachcomber, Side-O-Sea, Ocean Front, Sun-N-Surf, Sands, Ocean Deck, Surf View, Ocean View, Ocean Jewel, Silver Beach, Sea Dip.

Royal Beach, Old Salty, Treasure Island, Sunny Shores, Lost Island, Beach Haven, Ocean Court, Seven Seas, Sea Oats, Sage-N-Sand, Tropic Shores, Sea Garden, and (alas) Days Inn.

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MAY MEETING
By Nancy KD4ITX

The meeting was called to order at 1905 hours by Bud, K4CWG before 38 members and guests.

After the Pledge Of Allegiance, a moment of silence and introductions, the guests speaker was introduced. Robert B. "Ike" Eisenhauer is a National Rifle Association certified Safety Instructor. He spoke on gun safety.

After the break, Bill, W2SDB played Red River Valley and Happy Birthday for all the May birthdays.

Doris, KF4IGN read a very moving e-mail titled "From the Other Side" about an American Vietnam war veteran who did not return and his reflections from the other side of the Vietnam Wall.

On June 13, there will be a tailgate at UCF. It begins before daylight and goes till about noon. A test session will be held at one o'clock in the building next to the parking lot.

Bill Haynes NK4D of Elmore, AL, was awarded a life membership to TARC. A club shirt and a Certificate of Appreciation will be presented to him for providing surplus electronic parts that have been instrumental in keeping our repeater on line.

Ralph AE4LE made a motion which was carried to purchase 10 J-pole antennas to be permanently mounted at various locations in accordance with Emergency Management/TARC operational disaster plans. The cost is approximately $25 per unit.

Bud K4CWG urged anyone who has made purchases from AES from September 97 to September 98 to submit copies of their receipts so that TARC can obtain a 1% rebate on club purchases.

Bud said preparations for Field Day are progressing and will be finalized at the next club meeting.

Nick KF4SEK and Ken KB0OQJ have approached the club to use the clubs unused 2 meter frequency 146.775. After some discussion the club approved to provide them with a low power (15 watt output) Motorola repeater and controller. It will be their responsibility to set up and maintain the repeater. Location of the repeater is not known, but it will probably be in the Port St. John area.

Ozzie N4SCY reported that the digital repeater is up and running and doing great.

Bud wants to give a special thanks to the net control operators for a job well done.
Abbie KF4DTC - VIP Net 146.910
Sandy KE4TQZ - Ffiendship Net 146.910
Carol KC4VIN - Mosquito Net 28.333
Les K4SJC - Sunday morning confab on 40 meters.
Nick KF4SEK - Traders Net 146.910

Bill W2SBD announced that IRAC will have a hurricane update by Emergency Management on June 4, for anyone who wishes to attend.

Andy W4PRK announced 147.135 and 146.880 have the capabiliy to rebroadcast weather alerts for the National Weather Service as they are issued. Also the ATV repeater, cable channel 57, will display local weather alerts.

Meeting adjourned at 2125 hours.

Watch your thoughts; they become words.
Watch your words; they become actions.
Watch your actions; they become habits.
Watch your habits; they become character.
Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.
From Bits & Pieces

TREASURERS REPORT
By Clyde Lee K4EOS

Balance Forward From 1997	$5356.73
Deposits Year to Date	2348.43
TOTAL INCOME	**7705.16**
Expenditures	1847.23
BALANCE AS AT 05/31/98	**5857.23**
FEMA Escrow	2363.75
BALANCE-CLUB FUNDS	**$3494.13**

HAMFESTS:

JUN 27	FT. McCOY
AUG. 1/2	JACKSONVILLE
SEPT.12/13	MELBOURNE
SEPT. 27	NEW PORT RICHEY
OCT. 4	MAITLAND
OCT. 10/11	TAMPA
OCT. 17	STARKE
OCT.17/18	W.PALM BEACH
NOV. 7	SORRENTO
NOV. 14	TITUSVILLE
NOV. 14	PORT ST. LUCIE
NOV.21/22	TAMPA
DEC. 5	OKEECHOBEE
DEC. 5	OCALA
DEC.12	LAKE CITY

He worked by day and toiled by night

He gave up play and some delight.

Dry books he read, new things to learn.

And forged ahead, success to earn.

He plodded on with faith and pluck.

And when he won, others called it luck!

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Total membership: 258 (193 regular, 59 family, 6 honorary)

NEW MEMBERS: N4IPJ MIKE FINEMAN
KF4YFD JOHN PHELPS

RENEWALS:
KE4AGK MAURICE GIONET
KF4IGN DORIS GIONET
WB4DXD BUCK TOMLINSON
K4JYX JOHN ADAMS
KD4WNO MATTIE ADAMS
N4LEM RAY KASSIS
KF4LTW THOMAS VICK
KF4MUV PATTY KING
WA1NXI MICHAEL WHELPLY
N1YXL TOM KELLY

"Okay, you can go now . . . they've evacuated the village